

AUGUSTA CONQUERS JOHN MARSHALL IN OPEN- ER—BLAKEMORE VERY EFFECTIVE, STRIKING OUT NINE MEN—HARRIS THE BATTING STAR

A. M. A. opened its 1929 baseball season last Saturday, March 30, by defeating the fast, well coached team from John Marshall High School of Richmond, Va., 4 to 3. The game, played on the Clay Bowl, marks the first appearance of several new men. These were Malone, who handled short stop nicely; Eagles, who played third base and Shreckhise, who performed behind the bat.

John Marshall drew first blood in the initial inning, scoring twice. The Keydets came back, however, in their half by putting across one tally. Augusta tied the score in the third inning on a single by Harris and a double by Malone. The Marshallites were unable to produce any hits, and air tight fielding behind Blakemore's splendid pitching staved off every John Marshall effort to score. The Rollerites were not dead with the stick, as in the fifth inning they shoved

across two more markers on a two bagger by Harris, and consecutive singles by Malone, Whitehead and Bach. This ended the scoring for Augusta, but John Marshall in a determined effort to win the game secured a run in the ninth inning on a walk and three consecutive hits. As aforementioned, John Marshall presented a well balanced, snappy team, and they deserve a lot of credit for the good fight they put up. Their star player was Stewart, who played a nice fielding game at third base and led his team at bat by hitting a home run.

Capt. Gallagher deserves much credit for getting together a winning combination in such a short time. They looked very good in handling the ball considering it was the first game of the season.

Bundy, a new man, who relieved Blakemore near the end of the game proved that he could be counted on for many of the games to follow.

Delightful Informal Climaxed Dedication Ball

As a soothing sauce and a cooling desert after the delightful dedication hop, the informal dance on Saturday night was a big success. The majority of the home-folks and sweethearts stayed over the week-end after the big celebrity. The evening's gaiety was tripped by the Cadet Ramblers who cast their spell of harmonious and rhythmic jazz upon the gently whirling crowd. Though the number of couples dancing did not equal that of the preceding night, the gymnasium was well filled and teeming with life and pep. Of course, the smaller crowd afforded the high, wide, and fancy dancers a better chance to strut in their most fantastic manner. When "Home, Sweet Home" gently sounded forth from the orchestra, each Cadet sought to dance this farewell piece with his hearts fondest choice. When the last faint strains of the final melody had died away, how sad were the farewells and the good-byes, but, oh, how certain! For it was twelve o'clock. Just one more minute and lo! Sunday morning.

Thanks to Maj. Roller

The track team wishes to thank Major Roller for so arranging it that the entire team could stop over in Staunton for a show. Above all it wished to thank him for the real "he man" dinner which he gave at the Beverley Hotel. The food was plentiful and sure was good!

BOWMAN STARS AS FORK UNION BOWS TO AUGUSTA TRACKMEN

Fine Prospects in New Material

On last Monday a green and inexperienced track team ventured forth to Charlottesville to capture a dual event from Fork Union. Though victory was not assured until the last event had been won, the Roller trackmen returned home with the bacon in the form of 64½ to 52½ victory. Both teams worked under the disadvantage of inexperience and little training. In addition to this, a high wind greatly handicapped the majority of the track and field events. However, gloomy the prospects may have appeared before the meet, those who fought under the blue and white fulfilled that which is expected of every A. M. A. team.

They gave all that they had, and won.

Fork Union took the lead in the first events and held it substantially until a series of first places by Augusta reduced the gap to a dangerous margin. The complete winning of one event could have swung the tide of victory to either team. The pole vaulters put the "bacon on ice" by easily copping all three places. This not only furnished a marginal lead, but a powerful incentive to win. One place in the broad jump, two in the discus and two in the javelin successfully sealed our victory.

Bowman lead the victors in number of points by rolling up fifteen. That he was out to win is shown by the three first places which he won. These were, first in the mile, first in the half and first in the two hundred and twenty yard dash. Our old war horse "condensed mercury" Bach ran a close second with fourteen points. He won first place in the four hundred and forty yard dash, first in the javelin, second in the half mile and third in the broad jump. Bunny Goodwin, one of the last year's dark horses became one of the favorite racers when he picked off thirteen points for his share of the spoils. He proved himself the champion timber-topper of the evening by taking first place in the high and low hurdles and second place in the high jump. Clemmer Harris and Fitz Marston divided their share of the booty with six points each. Harris won second place in the shot put and second place in the javelin. Marston won first place in the discus and third place in the high jump. Humphries, Bowers, and Founds split the honors in the pole vault with three points each. Having eliminated all competition in this event, they did not jump for places because of the high wind. Ralph Taggart took third place in the hundred yard dash, this being the only place we took in this event. John McCutchen tied for third place in the four hundred and forty yard dash. Several others made a very creditable showing though they did not succeed in scoring any points.

Events in detail:

HIGH JUMP

Phipps, J.	F. U. M. A.	1st	(Height 5 ft. 5 in.)
Goodwin	A. M. A.	2nd	
Marston	A. M. A.	3rd	

100 YD. DASH

Jay	F. U. M. A.	1st	(Time 10.3 sec.)
Lester	F. U. M. A.	2nd	
Taggart	A. M. A.	3rd	

220 YD. DASH

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THE BOX SCORE

JOHN MARSHALL	A. B.	R.	H.	E.
Moler, cf	4	1	1	0
Shade, ss	4	0	1	0
Yorke, 3b and c	4	0	0	1
Stewart, cf and 3b	4	1	1	1
Barnes, lf	4	1	1	0
Taylor, p	4	0	1	0
Reynolds, rf	4	0	1	0
Wunoch, 1b	3	0	0	0
Smith, 2b	3	0	0	0
	34	3	6	2

AUGUSTA	A. B.	R.	H.	E.
Harris, 1b	4	3	3	1
Malone, ss	4	0	2	1
Whitehead, lf	4	0	1	0
Bach, cf	4	0	1	0
Kelsey, 2b	4	0	0	1
Eagles, 3b	4	0	0	0
Wainwright, rf	4	0	0	0
Schreckhise, c	3	0	0	0
Blakemore, p	3	1	1	0
Bundy, p	0	0	0	0
	34	4	8	3

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
John Marshall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-3
Augusta	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	x-4

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THE VALUE OF OUR FAMILY HOUR

The Corps is assembled each school day in the Big Room. At this time all the school news is discussed by Major Roller. Not only is all the school news discussed, but the news of the outside world is briefly summarized. If a cadet wants to know anything within reason he puts a note on the Major's desk. Sometimes he puts up notes that would hardly be classed as "within reason"; Major usually answers this in private conversation. To date there is no record of the same cadet putting more than one crazy note on the desk. To be given any consideration the note must be signed by the writer.

This custom has been in effect for many years and is one of the events of the day that is looked forward to with enthusiasm by the cadets. They get the chance to "listen in" on conversations that are enlightening to them and to keep up with the news of the school and of the world.

Just as a sample of the Family Hour our reporter selected Tuesday, March 26, as the day on which to take down all the topics talked about at the gathering. Below we are listing the subjects taken up in the order in which they were discussed.

1. The speed-boat record was broken yesterday in Florida. The speed attained was 93 miles per hour.

2. Major General LeJeune has accepted the office of Superintendent of V. M. I.

3. Many known dead and others missing in the Mississippi flood region.

4. Only one day holiday for Easter will be given and under no circumstance will any cadet be allowed to remain over the week-end.

5. The condition of the rooms has fallen down. Rooms must be kept the same way after inspection as they are before inspection.

6. Major Roller extends for the corps and for himself best wishes to Capt. Clarkson, who substituted during the illness of Capt. Denton.

7. An account of the funeral of Generalissimo Foch.

8. Mentioned the general strike of the textile workers of North and South Carolina.

9. Read a letter of thanks from Capt. Robinson.

The meeting is as informal as a family gathering and gives to the corps something that marks them distinctly as an individual school.

When we talk of the "Spirit of Augusta" with pride, we are conscious of a big contribution given to it each school day at Family Hour.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION

We are soon to be inspected by representatives of the U. S. Army and, we hope, awarded the distinction of being an Honor School. To this end, the ninety-nine per cent of the Corps that always "puts out" for anything affecting the welfare of the school is working—The one per cent, or less, that never "puts out" for anything that does not immediately increase their personal comfort, in other words, the duds, don't count. They never have counted in any school activity. They are simply men who have no pride in their organization, square pegs in round holes, big mistakes of humanity.

This article is directed to that large majority of the Corps who work night and day whenever it is necessary for the general welfare. Government Inspection is not merely a process of general shining up a day or so before the Inspector arrives. Hair cuts, freshly pressed clothes, a spotless room, a general appearance of alertness, all help to leave with the gentlemen inspecting, a good impression; they, however, are only incidentals. The main thing is ability to properly execute thoroughly mastered theory of Military Tactics. It is divided into two steps; first, theory and second, practice. That sounds simple enough but try to do it, and you will find that you have taken on a large order. There is all sorts of testimony forthcoming to bear out the above statement.

Since there is no disputing the fact that we have for ourselves a large order, we may just as well settle down on this last long stretch with renewed determination and vigor to long days of Field problems, nights of intensive study, and to constant practice on those individual weaknesses, and put Old Augusta across to the inspectors. We now have a chance to reap a reward for our work all this year. The right to wear the Star which means to all R. O. T. C. schools excellence in Military matters will certainly be awarded to us if everybody will work.

When you are weary of drill, sick of Tactics, haven't heard from your girl, remember that you have no right to hinder your comrades in their attempt to make the school the best in Military in the state. When you feel that the lessons are long and hard, remember that you are a man in the making and stop acting as if you were an old maid. The ground gets hard and is usually somewhat dirty, fences have the habit of popping up in the most unnecessary places, the little streams are usually wet, but you did not go out on Field problems in order to try out your new Tuxedo. Government Inspection days are here and Augusta presents each cadet as her reason to be rated among the best in the country . . . and each cadet . . . will. Come around after the inspection is over. We'll let you see the telegram.

Capt. Kellog Returns

Last Thursday as the corps was in the mess hall, who should walk in but our old friend Captain Kellogg. He has returned to us in the capacity of track coach, tactical officer, and substitute faculty in Capt. Mahaney's absence.

Since we last saw him he has attended the Harvard Business School, but was forced to leave

on account of illness. He went to Texas for a while and upon his return he appears to be as healthy as ever.

Captain Kellogg has been a faculty of the school for a number of years as well as a cadet. He has been very valuable to A. M. A. as an excellent track coach and has produced two fine teams in the past two years. We see no reason why this year's team should be an exception under Captain Kellogg's coaching.

Cadet Fashions

Now that spring has come once more with its beautiful scenery and still more beautiful field problems, it is time for all well dressed cadets to think of obtaining their spring outfits.

With the first call of spring we must all consult Everett May concerning the latest barber fashions and must have ourselves sheared accordingly. It is most advisable to do this as it saves work for the first sergeant.

As we here are unable to obtain patent leather shoes, it would be advisable to have our shoes just as shiny as patent leather ones. This also makes our Mondays more pleasant.

Whitehall, our fashion center, also orders that for supper we will wear fatigue coats by Roller of Mt. Sidney, and collars and cuffs by Walker of Fort Defiance. It might be added here that anyone so indiscreet as not to follow these styles may expect any penalty in the world.

In the afternoon, to roam over the fields, Campaign hats and leggins will be just the things. It will be advisable for the new cadets to carry canteens filled with Eau de Virginia, an inexpensive liquid which is an excellent thirst quencher.

On Sundays we must look our best for the outside visitors, so we don our shakos by Lily of Columbus and our cross belts and our brasses by some merciless individual.

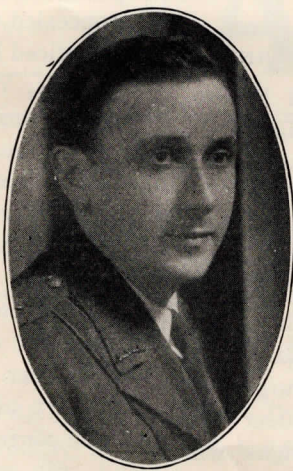
However, these pleasant fashions last only a short time for we must all leave this beautiful heaven (?) in June and then, wear the most vulgar clothes of ordinary citizens.

Informal Dance to be Held April 16th

Major Roller has kindly consented to give the corps an informal dance Saturday night, April 6, in appreciation of the splendid smoothness with which the corps has been running. This dance as usual will be conducted by the Cotillion Club with music furnished by the Cadet orchestra.

The orchestra under the leadership of Cadet Gutheriey, which proved its great success, should be enough to draw a record attendance for the coming dance.

High Lights of the Lives of Augusta's Faculty



CAPTAIN WILFRED B. WEBB

The A. M. A. CADET presents to you in this issue the life of Capt. Wilfred B. Webb. Capt. Webb was born in Roanoke, Va., May 20, 1900. His parents were both missionaries to China; his father going out from England and his mother from Staunton, Va. They met in China and returned to this country where Mr. Webb studied medicine with the intention of returning to China. The health of Mrs. Webb, however, prevented their return. Mr. Webb then practiced in Roanoke and was health commissioner in that city. Both parents died while Capt. Webb was still very young.

In 1912, Capt. Webb went to Bedford, Va., where he attended the city schools and later entered R. M. A. as a day student. He was graduated second in his class and received a scholarship to W. and L. University. While at W. and L. Capt. Webb was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and also a member of the O. D. K. He was president of the Y. M. C. A., manager of the football team, and assistant leader of the fancy dress ball.

During the summer of 1922, Capt. Webb traveled through Central Europe with the first student group, representing all the universities throughout the country under the auspices of the European Student Relief. He returned in the fall and took post graduate work at V. P. I. until March, 1923, when he bought a commercial apple orchard and left to take charge of it.

In the fall of 1923, Capt. Webb was made principal of the Mt. Sidney High School, and the following year joined the faculty of the Augusta Military Academy as professor of English. He was married to Miss Pauline Ruckman in December, 1925 and now has one daughter. He is a member of the Augusta Stone Church and for two years was a member of the Staunton Kiwanis Club.

Height six feet one inch; weight 190; drives a Chevy; uses frequently the expression "a"; a splendid song director; has black whiskers; wears a number twelve shoe; and is very tasty in his selection of ties.

227 RECEIVES WARM RECEPTION

On Thursday afternoon, March 28, room 227 became the hottest room in barracks since its construction. During the seventh period when the barracks was empty a trash can sitting near a locker became overheated with passion and its weeks contents became ablaze. The blaze selected an overflowing laundry bag as its prey and soon the entire locker was in flames.

The Corporal, noticing some smoke on the south side of bar-

racks, thought the grass was on fire as usual. When, he saw smoke coming from the broken window in number 227, he was afraid to yell, fire! for fear of disturbing the peace of Capt. Yarbrough. A great deal of damage was done before the fire was extinguished. One of the rooms occupant's entire clothes locker was destroyed. The plaster on the ceiling dropped off and the intense heat blistered all the painted wood work and also caused

BOWMAN STARS

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MILE			
Bowman	A. M. A.	1st	(Time 5.03 min.)
Newcomer	F. U. M. A.	2nd	
Michels	F. U. M. A.	3rd	
SHOT PUT			
Hollard	F. U. M. A.	1st	(42 ft.)
Harris	A. M. A.	2nd	(38 ft 10 in.)
Marston	A. M. A.	3rd	
HALF MILE			
Bowman	A. M. A.	1st	((Time 2.16 min.)
Bach	A. M. A.	2nd	
Ballod	F. U. M. A.	3rd	
440 YD. DASH			
Bach	A. M. A.	1st	(Time 56 sec.)
Phipps, H.	F. U. M. A.	2nd	
F. U. M. A. man and McCutchan tied for third place.			
POLE VAULT			
Humphries, Bowers and Founds took all three places and divided the points. (Height 9 ft. 6 in.)			
BROAD JUMP			
Olgers	F. U. M. A.	1st	(20 ft. 10½ in.)
Phipps, J.	F. U. M. A.	2nd	(20 ft. 6 in.)
Bach	A. M. A.	3rd	(20 ft. 2 in.)
DISCUS			
Marston	A. M. A.	1st	(103 ft.)
Hollard	F. U. M. A.	2nd	(99 ft. 7½ in.)
Le Sueur	F. U. M. A.	3rd	
JAVELIN			
Bach	A. M. A.	1st	(146 ft. 9 in.)
Harris	A. M. A.	2nd	(124 ft. 7 in.)
Phipps, J.	F. U. M. A.	3rd	(124 ft.)
HIGH HURDLES			
Goodwin	A. M. A.	1st	(17.4 sec.)
Shields	F. U. M. A.	2nd	
Newcomer	F. U. M. A.	3rd	
LOW HURDLES			
Goodwin	A. M. A.	1st	(28 sec.)
Jay	F. U. M. A.	2nd	
Shields	F. U. M. A.	3rd	

EDITOR'S NOTE: If one will only look back on the track seasons of the past two years, it will be noted that the high scores of today were the young recruits of last year. Much credit is due to their persistent effort and the careful instruction and patience of the track coaches.

the window panes to crack.

The pictures of two American beauties were the only valuable things rescued from the fire.

Y. M. C. A. Cabinet Visits Millers School

Last Sunday night the Augusta Y. M. C. A. cabinet entertained Miller's School "Y" at Miller's School with a typical A. M. A. Programme. This programme was featured by a declamation by Cadet-Lea and Cadet Blake, scripture reading by Cadet Bell W., opening prayer by Cadet Raily, music by Cadet Guthrie, and closing prayer by Cadet Hildebrand. Cadet Pryor introduced the various members of the cabinet, and at the same time tried to impress upon the

host that the A. M. A. cabinet is not composed of the sissy element of the school.

It was the purpose and the intention of the Augusta Y. M. C. A. to offer one of its typical programmes as a helpful suggestion to the Y. M. C. A. of Miller's School. In turn the cabinet expected to derive a great deal of benefit in the form of suggestions from the Miller's School programme. It is also felt that an exchange of such programs between and among schools is the most practical and progressive method by which bigger and better "Y's" can be made.

Payne, C.: "I want a girl who is good, clever, and beautiful."

Timan: "You don't want one, you want three!"

The Eagle Screams

The Eagle has watched over us faithfully and carefully since the foundation of the school. He knows the past and the present and has an outlook for the future that seems trustworthy. His representative speaks for the press whenever Colonel ceases for two days to use the expression "as sure as gun is iron." Having noted one of these rare instances we hastened to interview the representative of the Eagle.

Not quite convinced that he was qualified to speak for the Eagle we asked the representative to present evidence of qualification before giving his official pronouncement. He started off with: "I remember when Major Roller stood at attention whenever a cadet entered the commandant's office on official business; when Colonel Roller declared at least three holidays a week; when the P. M. clined; when Capt. Yarbrough was as meek as Moses; when"— "Wait a minute, Mr. Eagle," we told him, "we feel sure you are qualified. Give us some inside dope on the present corps."

The Eagle sat solemnly pondering. "I will give you my opinion on the present corps in the form of a report," he finally said.

This is what we received:

I. Captains Harryman, Payne, McCutchan, Lea, Yon, and Cadet Major Palmatory should be informed of the command "rest" and instructed in its use.

II. That Blake should be made chief assistant to Lieutenant Fountaine and be put in charge of the ice cream.

III. That Yon, C. be given a parachute and be required to wear it between Taps and rising call.

IV. That Humpherys, Wily, Kerr, R., and Palmer, E. be required to put on and take off of the football tackling dummy a pair of Foushee's pants every day from now until Finals.

V. That Capt. Ernest be required to write for Copps, M. the music to his song "Tillie."

VI. That Bell, M. be required to donate a tidy sum for the upkeep of the few remaining Beavers in the country.

VII. That Moon Mulliss' per-

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petual vacation at "The Cabin" be reported to Uncle Tom.

VIII. That Slem, C. be compelled to take fourteen less chews of tobacco a day.

IX. That Joe Kalvin as a professional be debarred from all amateur athletic sports.

X. That strenuous restrictions be placed upon the "Night Riders" of the faculty.

XI. That Pod Crawford and Manning Hutzler be instructed together in physical drill.

XII. That "Sport" be required to wear a spike collar for protection against Blake.

XIII. That Bowers and Bovee be required to transact all business with Lee Landis in daylight.

We believe that if the above suggestions are carried out this will be a record year for Augusta.

Alumni News

Among the six hundred visitors that attended the dedication of the C. S. Roller, Sr. Memorial Gymnasium were nearly one hundred and fifty A. M. A. alumni. This long list includes representatives from nearly every class since 1875. Indeed we felt honored to have in our presence such an array of fellow cadets, dating from last year's graduating class, away back into the dim seventies. Whether they were graduates of one or fifty years ago was of little importance. They were still just fellow cadets.

It is interesting to note that Mr. W. H. Landes, class '74, was the oldest alumnus present, and Mr. M. T. Johnson, class '75, was the second oldest alumnus attending the dedication. These venerable old gentlemen attended A. M. A. under Chas. S. Roller, Sr., to whom the gym was dedicated.

Mudin, '26; Morecock, '26; Hotchkiss, '26; Cannon, '27; Langhorne, '28; Daniels, '28; Gunby, '26; Runnels, C., '28; Runnels, E., '19; Brown, '27; Timberlake, '28; Feimster, '25; Grimes, '28; Williams, '25; Allan, '25; Roller, C. S., III, '28; Roller, Dr., '96; Harris, C., '28; Harris, G., '23; Tignor, '28; Tannehill, W., '24; Bargamin, '23; Barnes, '23; Shreve, '24; Fitz-Hugh, '25; Seldon, '28; Sproul, H., '24; Tanner, C., '24;

Anderson, R., '22; Alexander, Dr., '97; Alexander, J., '28; Alexander, R., '20; Christian, R. E., '18; Bell, Frank, '88; Crowle, J., '93; Landes, W. H., '75; Shreckhise, N. A., '87; McCue, F., '87; McCue, C., '89; Parkins, C., '89; Parkins, S., '79; Crawford, F. H., '91; Crawford, W., '94; Crawford, J., '81; Conrad, C., '20; O'Neill, W., '23; Michie, W., '28; Dorsey, B., '24; Shuff, '28; Saunders, G., '27; Humbert, W., '28; Holderness, D., '26; Davis, J., '22; Pryor, E., '26; Broom, J., '28; Deffenbaugh, T., '97; Bowling, H., '95; Fulton, J. G., '96; Walker, F., '00; Goodwin, J., '27; Tannerhill, F., '87; Gore, T., '28; Lloyd, '28; Byres, C., '04; McAlaster, '28; Van Pelt, '94; Van Pelt, B., '15; Todd, J., '19; Graves, F., '26; Graves, G., '25; Craun, '26; Irvine, '28; Sneed, '25; Johnson, P., '01; Demaster, '24; Johnson, M. T., '75; Ewing, '07; Clemmer, T., '11; Loth, C., '14; Hanna, '11; Landes, R., '12; McCray, W., '88; Randolph, W., '26; Neff, J., '17; Bailry, R., '18; Sutter, F., '28; Spengler, L., '24; Alexander, R., '21.

Roosevelt Men

There is a bond between us
Whenever, wherever we meet,
Whether on plain or mountain,
Whether in hall or street;
One in our love for a leader
Whose name is a shout and a thrill,
Are we who followed the Colonel
And follow the Colonel still.

Through fogs of doubt and disaster
His bugle sang to our youth;
His valor lifted the banner
Of justice, honor and truth;
Lads of the field and the forest,
Men of the mart and the mill,
We rallied to follow the Colonel,
We follow the Colonel still.

Jubilant, fearless and eager,
We rode on his left and his right;
Glad with the joy that he gave us,
We laughed in the heart of the fight;
Sure of the cause and the triumph,
Comrades in good and in ill,
Gayly we followed the Colonel
Who follow the Colonel still.

Those were the days of glory,
The splendid and spacious days;
Here was the land of our dreaming,
Noble beyond all praise;
Hers were our sinew and vigor,
Hers were our courage and skill,
For her we followed the Colonel;
For her we follow him still.

Open and clear is the highroad
That once was tangled and blind;
Few are we of the vanguard,
The legions thunder behind;
And over the rim of the prairie
And over the crest of the hill
New millions shall follow the Colonel
With us who follow him still.

—ARTHUR GUITERMAN,
Saturday Evening Post.

The First Full Dress Parade

The first full-dress parade with dress-coats and shakos was held at A. M. A. Sunday, March 24th. Until then the weather had permitted nothing but the wearing of overcoats.

The largest crowd of dress-parade spectators of the year was here last Sunday. Cars were not only parked all around the bowl, but they were parked in every available spot on the outskirts of the parade ground. As the Formal Opening Dances of the New Gymnasium had been Friday and Saturday nights and many of the girls were still here, every man put forth his best efforts, because he felt sure his girl was watching his every move. Therefore it was not only the first full-dress, but also one of the best parades of the year.

Even though dress-parade is one of the miseries of "Kaydet Life," we were all glad to see those uncomfortable dress-coats, and hard old shakos, for they are one sure sign that spring has come and . . . it can't be long now!

Founding of Augusta

In the year 1865, Charles S. Roller returned to his home in Fort Defiance from the Civil War to found a school for his more unfortunate comrades of Co. E., 1st Virginia Cavalry.

The Augusta Academy opened in September, 1865, under the direction of Prof. Roller and for the first five years only day students were enrolled. The name of the school was frequently changed in its younger days. The first change was to Augusta Male Academy; then to The Augusta Male and Classical Academy and after that to the present name which has remained with it since 1879.

The first Valedictorian was the Hon. Chas. Curry, now a prominent lawyer of Staunton. Mr. Curry delivered his valedictory at the commencement exercises in the Old Stone Church in 1879. From 1865 to 1885 the commencement exercises were held in the Stone Church.

The Academic hall next to the new gymnasium was built in 1910. The present barracks was built in 1915.

Book Report

THE CANARY MURDER

By S. S. VAN DINE

This, a mystery, I believe is one of the most thrilling and interesting stories of its kind ever written.

Margaret O'Dell, a beautiful actress, known as the "Canary," is found strangled to death in her small apartment. The state of wreckage of the apartment seems to point to simple burglary but Philo Vance, a volunteer helper in the case, sees signs which point to the contrary.

After much investigation the search discoverers, and the prosecution points at five of O'Dell's intimate friends: Tony Skeel, a criminal with a police record and a man known to have visited Margaret on the night of the murder; Spotswoode, who was out with, and went home with Margaret on the night of the murder; Pop, one of Margaret's disappointed lovers, known to have paid her blackmail; Maxim, a wealthy former lover of Margaret, who was seen near the scene of the murder; and a Dr. Lindquist, an eccentric surgeon with a considerable social standing, who had treated Margaret and who had visited her frequently.

The police accused Skeel of having strangled the girl for the sake of the loot, but Vance uncovers another theory claiming that there were two persons in the apartment at the time of the murder, both unknown to the other, and that one committed the murder and that later the other one looted the place. He accused Skeel of the robbery, but is unable to discover the murderer. At length however, Skeel consents to "talk" and makes an appointment with Markham, the district attorney, for the next day. However, when Skeel fails to appear, they go to his lodging house and find him strangled to death in the same way Margaret was. On searching his clothes Vance finds a small device by means of which Skeel gained entrance into Margaret's apartment thus proving that it was Skeel who had looted the apartment. It was also evident that the person who had killed Skeel was also Margaret's murderer.

At this time Vance suggests re-visiting the scene of the crime just for the sake of "checking up." While there, he discovers a concealed victrola which he had not noticed before. Being a lover of music, Vance plays a record on it, but instead of playing a piece of music, the record starts off with a woman's cry for help and further on are several sentences in the same voice, all of these being answers to questions which Spotswoode asked from outside the door on the night of the murder. When told of the discovery of these facts, Spotswoode confesses to both murders and only asks that he be left alone long enough to write a letter to his wife. This request is granted but instead of writing a letter, Spotswoode kills himself thus ending the story.

Prospectives Visit Capt's Dean and Denton's Camp

On Monday, March 25, Major Roller loaned the school bus to Capt. Deane and Capt. Denton to take a load of cadets to look over their new camp site which is situated in the Alleghany Mountains about twelve miles from Clifton Forge, Va.

The following is a list of Cadets who made the trip and showed keen interest in the proposition: Cease; Martin, W. Bosman, J.; Wright; Taylor, G. Taylor, R.; Tyler; White; Walker; McClung; Higgins; Vaniewsky, H.; Mewborn; Evans; Hedge; Lucas; Hunt; Gray; Quisenberry; Messmore; Motta; Aviles, and Lowenthal.

X: "I know a widower with seven children who married a widow with ten children."

Y: "That wasn't a marriage."

X: "Then what was it?"

Y: "That was a merger."

Capt. Gallagher: "Stop reaching for food on the table, Billy. Haven't you got a tongue?"

Martin: "Sure, Capt, but my arms are longer."

A SMOOCH

A kiss is a gift from God, a heaven sent boon by which a man can close a woman's mouth without knocking her head off.